**BGHS**

**APUSH**

Key Points to Remember when Writing DBQ…

1. READ the question, skim the documents looking at the sources, then READ the question again.
2. Carefully read the documents making notes of outside information in the margins.
3. READ the question, this time trying to formulate your thesis.
4. With your thesis in mind, begin your introductory paragraph. Have a setting, a partition, a position needed and head into the thesis. Underline your thesis.
5. Use all the documents UNLESS you are not sure of one or how to use it. It is better to omit it than use it incorrectly.
6. They do NOT (should not) be in order. Use them as they apply to your argument.
7. There is no need to quote at length from the document… just refer to it but in a manner that supports your argument and that is consistent. Don’t just “drop” it in. (doc A)
8. Be a name dropper… be a show off… prove your knowledge of the time period! Don’t assume the reader knows what you’re thinking.
9. No personal pronouns… no first person… no opinions…no attempts at humor. Tell ‘em what you’re gonna tell ‘em. Tell ‘em. Tell ‘em what you told ‘em.
10. You may double up the documents but be careful and not often. Be sure they compliment each other.
11. Do not use documents in the introduction or the conclusion…that is not their place.
12. Remember this is history so use the past tense.